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Training Materials Available for The Changes in the Hospice Item Set (HIS) Manual V3.00 Webinar

The training materials for “**Changes in the Hospice Item Set (HIS) Manual V3.00 Webinar**” scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET. are now available under the Downloads section below.

If you have not yet registered, please [CLICK HERE to register for Changes in the Hospice Item Set \(HIS\) Manual V3.00 Webinar.](#)

If you would like your name placed on a list to receive an email notification when the recorded version of the webinar is available, please [CLICK HERE to be placed on an email notification list.](#)

If you have questions or need additional information regarding the logistics of this training session, please email the PAC Training mailbox at PACTraining@econometricainc.com.

January 29, 2021

Update Regarding Hospice Visits in Last Days of Life (HVLDL) Measure

As of January 1, 2021, the Hospice Visits in the Last Days of Life (HVLDL) claims based measure replaces the information previously collected in Section O of the HIS-Discharge. This is a re-specified, claims-based version of the Hospice Visits when Death is Imminent (HVWDII) measure pair. Per the measure specifications, HVLDL indicates the hospice provider's proportion of patients who have received visits from a registered nurse or medical social worker (non-telephonically) on at least two out of the final three days of the patient's life.

The calculation of the last three days remains unchanged from the last three days documented in Section O. Information defining the last three days can be found on page 2O-3 in [HIS Manual V2.01 \(PDF\)](#). Specifically these three days as “indicated by the day of death, the day prior to death, and two days prior to death.”

- The day of death is the same as the date provided in A0270, Discharge Date. (or the day of death)
- One day prior to death is calculated as A0270 minus 1.
- Two days prior to death is calculated as A0270 minus 2.

This new measure is expected to be publicly reported in spring 2022. This date will be finalized once the draft HIS Manual V3.00 receives final OMB approval.

January 19, 2021

HQRP Quarterly Update for 4th Quarter of 2020 is Available

The Hospice Quarterly Update for the fourth quarter of 2020 is now available. This update includes Hospice Quality Reporting Program highlights from October 2020 to December 2020, events and engagement opportunities for the first quarter of 2021 (January – March 2021), and selected questions and answers from

the Hospice Quality Help Desk. Please navigate to the [HQRP Requirements and Best Practices](#) page to download this document.